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Short notice questions.

Supply of reports of Labour Officers to Police Department.

* 1326-F *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have instructed the conciliation officers in labour disputes to send copies of conciliation reports to the Police Department also; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Where a strike, breach of peace or violence actually exists or is apprehended, the conciliation officers have been instructed to send copies of their final reports at the end of the conciliation proceedings to the Collectors and District Superintendents of Police concerned for their information."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" When conciliation proceedings are held, the question of violence or similar questions do not arise; only the matters in dispute arise. In such circumstances, what is the necessity for sending copies of these reports to the Police Department? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" A copy of the report is to be sent to the Collector and the District Superintendent of Police only when the conciliation is over and only if a strike, breach of peace or violence actually exists or is apprehended."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" May I know whether the conciliation officers are not expected to exercise any Police functions where there is violence, breach of peace or things of the type mentioned by the Hon. Minister? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Conciliation Officers are not expected to exercise any Police functions. But the district authorities also would like to have certain data in order that they might take action to meet any acts of violence. Therefore, the conciliation officers have been instructed to send copies of their reports to the Police department."

Constitution of a Separate Special Bench of the Labour Appellate Tribunal in Madras.

* 1326-G *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the State Government have recommended to the Central Government to take steps for constituting a Separate Special Bench of the Labour Appellate Tribunal in Madras for Madras State?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. The Government have requested the Government of India to constitute a Separate Bench of the Labour Appellate Tribunal at Madras with jurisdiction over the neighbouring States of Andhra, Mysore and Travancore-Cochin. I may also add that the Government of India are considering the question."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Supply of electricity for irrigation purposes in Tiruvallur taluk.

217 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any provision has been made under Rural Welfare Scheme or under National Extension Service during the years 1946–53 for the supply of electricity to agriculturists to help lift irrigation;

(*b*) if so, the number of villages and the number of persons benefited by the supply of electricity in Tiruvallur taluk and the amount spent during the years 1946 to 1953 (yearwar) under the Rural Welfare Scheme; and

(*c*) how many Harijans have been provided with such facilities in Tiruvallur taluk under this scheme during the said period?

A.—(*a*) No separate provision for the extension of supply of electricity to Firka Development areas or National Extension Service areas is made.

(*b*) The number of pumpsets supplied with electricity and the expenditure incurred on the extension of supply of electricity to Ikkadu and Salai villages, selected for intensive rural reconstruction in Tiruvallur taluk are as shown below :—

	Number of pumpsets supplied with electricity.			Expenditure incurred.		
Year.	Ikkadu.	Salai.	Total.	Ikkadu.	Salai.	Total.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5) RS.	(6) RS.	(7) RS.
1946–47	..	..	..	..	..	..
1947–48	..	—	..	17,661	..	17,661
1948–49	16	..	16	46,752	..	46,752
1949–50	14	—	14	78,836	741	79,577
1950–51	35	14	49	3,192	26,564	29,756
1951–52	10	4	14	8,227	441	8,668
1952–53	7	..	7	13,658	—	13,658
Total during the seven years.	82	18	100	1,68,326	27,746	1,96,072

No part of the expenditure was met from the Village Reconstruction and Harijan Uplift Fund.

(*c*) The information is not available. Power connexions are not given on a communal basis.